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H.B. No. 2143

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2143:

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C.S.H.B. No. 2143

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the eligibility of a first responder for workers'
3 compensation benefits for post-traumatic stress disorder.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 504.019(b), Labor Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (b) Post-traumatic stress disorder suffered by a first
8 responder is a compensable injury under this subtitle only if it is
9 based on a diagnosis that:

10 (1) the disorder is caused by one or more events [~~an~~
11 ~~event~~] occurring in the course and scope of the first responder's
12 employment; and

13 (2) the preponderance of the evidence indicates that
14 the event or events were [~~was~~] a substantial contributing factor of
15 the disorder.

16 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
17 to a claim for workers' compensation benefits based on a
18 compensable injury that occurs on or after the effective date of
19 this Act. A claim based on a compensable injury that occurs before
20 that date is governed by the law as it existed on the date the
21 compensable injury occurred, and the former law is continued in
22 effect for that purpose.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.